

AIRTRAIN NEWARK DEBUTS OCTOBER 21

New Rail Link Connects Newark International Airport To New York, Cities and Towns Throughout New Jersey

AirTrain Newark, the new link that will provide direct rail access to Newark International Airport from New Jersey and New York City, will begin service on Sunday, October 21, at about 7:50 a.m., the Port Authority announced today.

NJ Transit and Amtrak will provide 160 trains to Newark Airport each weekday, 120 each Saturday and 122 on Sundays. At Newark International Airport's new rail station, located a few minutes west of Newark Penn Station on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, travelers will in effect arrive at the airport – with flight displays and ticketing by participating airlines. From the station, the airport's expanded monorail system will take them directly to their terminals.

“Newark International Airport is vital to New Jersey's economy. This new service will enable millions of business travelers and tourists to reach Newark Airport by rail each year – creating jobs, relieving traffic congestion and reducing air pollution,” said New Jersey Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco. “Strengthening Newark Airport strengthens New Jersey.”

Port Authority Chairman Lewis M. Eisenberg noted that AirTrain Newark is opening two months ahead of schedule – a sign of the Port Authority staff's

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determination following the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

“Throughout the past five weeks, despite the trauma caused by the loss of friends and colleagues, the men and women of the Port Authority have worked tirelessly to continue providing the highest levels of service,” Chairman Eisenberg said. “I assure the public that the Port Authority is undaunted. The agency has the will, the resources and the expertise to deliver new transportation projects that are vital to the region.”

Ronald H. Shiftan, the Port Authority’s Acting Executive Director, explained how AirTrain Newark will work. “AirTrain Newark travelers from points throughout New Jersey will be able to board a NJ Transit or Amtrak train and reach the new Newark International Airport Station quickly and conveniently. Travel time will be only about 20 minutes from New York City. Then travelers will connect to the on-airport monorail, which will take them to their gate in about 10 minutes.

“By linking Newark International Airport to NJ Transit, Amtrak and the Port Authority’s PATH system, AirTrain Newark will provide a significant new transportation option for business and pleasure travelers from New York, New Brunswick, Princeton, Hoboken, the Jersey Shore, and other points across New Jersey. Our surveys also show the service will be used by travelers from as far away as Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Baltimore,” Mr. Shiftan said.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James said, “AirTrain Newark will make Newark Airport even more accessible and appealing to the traveling public, attracting more passengers to the airport and providing an important boost to Newark’s economy.”

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Beginning Sunday, all local NJ Transit trains and some express trains serving the Northeast Corridor and North Jersey Coast lines to points within New Jersey and New York City will make regularly scheduled inbound and outbound stops at the new Newark International Airport Station, located between North Elizabeth Station and Newark Penn Station.

NJ Transit will serve the new station with 124 trains each weekday, and 87 trains each Saturday and Sunday. Thirty-six Amtrak trains will serve the station each weekday, 33 each Saturday and 35 each Sunday.

AirTrain Newark will operate seven days a week. It will close between 2 a.m. and 4:45 a.m. daily. NJ Transit and Amtrak generally will provide:

- Eight trains per hour – four in each direction – during most peak hours on weekdays.
- Six trains per hour – three in each direction – on weekends.

The Newark International Airport Station will feature state-of-the-art security and numerous customer amenities – including flight ticketing by participating airlines, rail ticketing services, climate-controlled waiting areas, rail and flight information displays, telephones, restrooms and red-jacketed customer service representatives. The station is fully compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

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The Port Authority, NJ Transit and Amtrak worked as partners to build the Newark International Airport Station and the one-mile monorail extension to the airport.

The \$415 million project is a key part of the Port Authority's \$3.8 billion public-private partnership that is rebuilding Newark Airport. Eventually, three million passengers are expected to ride AirTrain Newark to and from Newark Airport each year.

Construction remains on schedule for AirTrain JFK – the eight-mile, \$1.9 billion light-rail system that will link passenger terminals at John F. Kennedy International Airport to rail and bus service in Howard Beach and Jamaica, Queens. The on-airport portion of AirTrain, with service to and from the Howard Beach AirTrain Terminal, is expected to launch in the fourth quarter of 2002, followed by the opening of Jamaica AirTrain service in 2003.

Ticket prices for AirTrain Newark will be highly competitive with other types of transportation to and from the airport.

The lowest one-way ticket prices will be \$6.65 from Newark Penn Station, North Elizabeth and Elizabeth. That's about half the cost of a cab from downtown Newark to the airport.

The highest one-way NJ Transit ticket price along the Northeast Corridor Line will be \$12.35 from Princeton Station. The highest ticket prices along the North Jersey Coast Line will be \$11.95 from Belmar, Spring Lake, Manasquan, Point Pleasant Beach and Bay Head.

A passenger from New York Penn Station will pay \$11.15 for a one-way ticket to the Newark International Airport station. A taxi trip from midtown Manhattan, including

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tip and tolls, costs about four times that amount – and takes longer.

NJ Transit will sell tickets that will allow passengers to pass through the Newark International Airport Station. NJ Transit and the Port Authority will share the revenues collected from rail passengers to Newark Airport. The Port Authority's share will contribute to the operation and maintenance of the Newark International Airport Station as well as the one-mile extension of the monorail to the new station.

(AMTRAK FARE DETAILS)

There will continue to be no charge for passengers who ride AirTrain Newark bwithout leaving Newark Airport – between terminals and to airport parking lots.

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